Child labour in dhabas

2028. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in the vicinity of one km. radius of Parliament, children are being engaged in dhabas;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to eliminate the child labour; and

(c) how Government propose to send the children below the age of fourteen years to school?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) As per the information received from the Government of NCT of Delhi, no such instance has come to the notice.

(c) The Government of India has been implementing two schemes for the benefit of child labour withdrawn from work, namely the scheme of National Child Labour Project (NCLPs) and the scheme of Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations. Under these schemes; special schools/ centres have been set up with provision for non-formal/formal education, vocational training, nutrition, stipend and health care etc. The Government propose to implement these schemes in the coming years with a greater coordination and synergization with the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, which aims at putting all children upto the age of 14 years in school.

Minimum Wage Advisory Committee

2029. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minimum Wage Advisory Committee of the Central Government has paid a visit to Orissa to review the problems facing implementation of minimum wage in the State; and

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the Committee to help implementation of the Minimum Wage Policy in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) the Working Group, which has been set up by the Government to go into the codification of the concept of minimum wages, listing out guidelines based on critical evaluation of various parameters and also study the problems in the implementation of minimum wages, paid a visit to Orissa besides Chhattisgarh during 18-21 June, 2003 to examine the problems in implementation of minimum wage at the ground level. The Report of the Working Group has not yet been submitted.

Impact of disinvestment and closure of small scale units on employment

2030. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the impact of disinvestment and closure of small scale units on employment; and

(b) the action taken to create more jobs to safeguard the interests of the work force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Privatization is expected to improve the efficiency of operations in the disinvested PSU's and thereby contribute to economic growth and it will have a beneficial impact in the long run on employment.

As regards Small Scale Industry, the employment has gone up by about 3.9% in 2002-03 over 2001-02.

(b) Creation of 50 million employment opportunities at the rate of 10 million per year are being targeted during the Tenth Plan period.

Labour laws

2031. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether obsolete labour laws have largely affected the growth in various sectors;